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READ—the following papers :—

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G.O. No. 1757 W.,	dated	12th June	1896.
„ „ 3096 W.	„	6th Nov.	1897.
„ „ 3274 W.	„	21st „	1902.
„ „ 1 W.	„	3rd Jan.	1912.
„ Mis. No. 435 I.	„	25th Oct.	1917.
„ „ „ 156 I.	„	4th May	1918.

II

Letter—from P. HAWKINS, Esq., M.I.C.E., Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
To—the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
Dated—Trichinopoly, the 9th August 1918.
No.—970-C.E.

With reference to G.O. Mis. No. 156 I., dated 4th May 1918, fixing the normal rent of the driver's quarters, Tekkady, at Rs. 4-4-0, I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 700-S.E., dated 19th June 1918, from the Executive Engineer, Madura division, and to request that, in the circumstances explained therein, the rent of Rs. 3 hitherto recovered for the driver's quarters at Tekkady, with reference to G.O. No. 3096 W., dated 6th November 1897, may continue to be levied.

2. In this connexion, I request orders as to the rate of rent to be charged for the following buildings :—

(*a*) *Dam Superintendent's quarters at Periyār.*—The rent for this building was fixed at Rs. 4 per mensem in G.O. No. 1 W., dated 3rd January 1912, but in G.O. No. 435 I., dated 25th October 1917, wherein a revised data statement for the building was approved, no orders have been passed on the rent to be charged. So, formal confirmation of the Rs. 4 rent sanctioned in G.O. No. 1 W., dated 3rd January 1912, seems necessary and I request that this be confirmed.

(*b*) *Sluice Superintendent's quarters at Tekkady.*—In G.O. No. 3274 W., dated 21st November 1902, the rent for this building was fixed at Rs. 4 per mensem specially for the then occupant who was Mr. Johnson—vide remarks against item 9 in the statement printed with the above Government Order. Mr. Johnson is now the Dam Superintendent at Periyār and one Mr. Wood is the Sluice Superintendent at Tekkady.

Considering the unhealthy nature of the locality and the inconvenience these subordinates are put to, I am of opinion that the reduced rents hitherto charged for these buildings may be continued and this may be formally sanctioned irrespective of the individual who holds the appointment.

ENCLOSURE.

Letter—from A. W. ROBERT, Esq., Executive Engineer, Madura division, Madura.
To—the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
Dated—the 19th June 1918.
No.—700-S.E.

With reference to paragraph 2 of G.O. Mis. No. 156 I., dated 4th May 1918, I have the honour to report as follows.

On my visit to Periyār the driver represented to me that the raising of the rent of his quarters might be reconsidered. The question of increasing the rent payable by him was taken up with reference to your Memorandum No. 285, dated 15th January 1918, and he has been paying the increased rate of rent, viz., Rs. 4–4–0 per mensem with effect from 1st March 1918. I do not think that, in this case, in charging rent the Government expects an adequate return on the capital cost. It is brought to notice that the Dam Superintendent at Periyār who draws pay at Rs. 200 per mensem pays rent at Rs. 4 per mensem only for his quarters valued at Rs. 2,020 with reference to G.O. No. 1 W., dated 3rd January 1912. Also the Sluice Superintendent, who draws pay at Rs. 90 per mensem pays rent at Rs. 4 per mensem only for his quarters valued at Rs. 2,420 with reference to G.O. No. 3274 W., dated 21st November 1902.

In these circumstances it hardly seems fair to make the driver pay Rs. 4–4–0 per mensem for his quarters valued at Rs. 1,726 when he draws pay at Rs. 85 per mensem only. I would, therefore, suggest that the order in paragraph 2 of G.O. Mis. No. 156 I., dated 4th May 1918, for raising his rent might be cancelled.

III

Note by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, dated 18th September 1918, No. 4958/18–B.

Submitted.

2. It is observed from the Government Orders of 1896 and 1897 quoted above that the original intention was to give the driver and the Superintendents in question quarters free of rent, but rent had to be charged to avoid a reference to the Government of India, which was necessary under the rules as they then stood. The salaries of the incumbents of the posts were, therefore, increased to meet the rents levied. With reference to the Superintending Engineer's present proposal, it is considered that it would be simpler to waive the rent altogether under Rule IV, paragraph 919 of the Public Works Department Code, as it now stands, instead of fixing the rent at a reduced rate as proposed by the Superintending Engineer, and to decrease the salaries of the Superintendents and driver by the reduced rent hitherto charged, i.e., Rs. 4 in the case of the Superintendents and Rs. 3 in the case of the driver. A sum of Rs. 1–4–0 per mensem may be refunded to the driver for the period he has paid a rent of Rs. 4–4–0.

W. J. J. HOWLEY,
Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Order—No. 326 I., dated 8th October 1918.

The recommendation of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation is approved.

(True extract)

W. J. J. HOWLEY,
Joint Secretary to Government, P.W.D.
(Irrigation Branch).

To the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle.
„ Accountant-General, Madras, through the Financial Department.
Copy to the Public Works Department (General).
„ Financial Department.

Forwarded to the

(By order)

Manager.

NOTES CONNECTED WITH G.O. No. 326 I., DATED 8TH OCTOBER 1918.

[SUBJECT.—*Rent for the occupation of certain quarters at the Periyar, Madura division.*]

PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

From the Superintending Engineer, VI Circle, dated 9th August 1918, *No.* 970 *C.E.*

Submitted. It will be seen from paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 1757 W., dated 12th June 1896, that the original intention was that the driver and the sluice superintendent of the Periyar works establishment should be allowed free quarters. As under the rules then in force, quoted in paragraph 2 of G.O. No. 3096 W., dated 6th November 1897, this could not be done except with the sanction of the Government of India, their pay was increased by an amount equivalent to the rent fixed. The minimum limit of 5 per cent of pay enjoined in these rules has since been rescinded and the Local Government have been authorized in the corresponding rules of the current edition of the Public Works Department Code, to sanction at their discretion the entire or partial remission of the rent ordinarily leviable under the rules—vide rule IV, paragraph 919 of the Public Works Department Code. There seems, therefore, no objection to the reduced rate of rent recommended by the Superintending Engineer being sanctioned irrespective of the pay or of the individuals who hold the appointment of driver or sluice superintendent. It is for orders whether the Superintending Engineer's recommendation may be approved.

2. As regards the quarters for the dam superintendent, it is submitted that the present incumbent was sluice superintendent previously, on Rs. 84, and was paying a rent of Rs. 4 for the occupation of the sluice superintendent's quarters—item 1 of the statement on page 2 of G.O. No. 3096 W., dated 6th November 1897. The levy of the same rate of rent was sanctioned in G.O. No. 1 W., dated 3rd January 1912, for his occupation of the rest-house converted into quarters for the dam superintendent, as the Superintending Engineer recommended it in consideration of 'the poor nature of the structure and the feverish locality' (remarks at the foot of the statement on page 2 of the Government Order). The circumstances under which a reduced rate was sanctioned have not, it is presumed, changed. The rent is a fixed one for the quarters and is not a percentage based on the pay of the occupant. The increase in the pay of the dam superintendent does not affect the question. The Superintending Engineer however requests a formal confirmation of the existing rate of rent. As in the case of the sluice superintendent's and the driver's quarters, the order may issue to the effect that the existing rate of rent is applicable irrespective of the pay or of the individual who holds similar appointment. For orders.

The intention was also to give the sluice superintendent free quarters and the superintendent's salary was raised by amount of rent charged.

F.E.M.—12-9-18.

3. It may be noted that the members of similar establishment at Divi are given quarters rent-free—vide remarks against items 2 to 6 on page 7 of G.O. No. 9 I., dated 3rd January 1914.

T.S.N.—9-9-18.

M.S.V.—10-9-18.

It is submitted that the original intention was to give the driver and superintendents free quarters but rent had to be charged to avoid a reference to India and the salaries of the incumbents of the posts were increased to meet the rents levied. It would be simpler to waive the rent altogether instead of fixing it at a

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W.J.J.H. | reduced rent hitherto charged, i.e., Rs. 4 in case of superintendents and Rs. 3 in case of the driver. Rupees 1-4-0 per mensem might be refunded to the driver for the period he has paid a rent of Rs. 4-4-0.

F. E. MORGAN—12-9-18.

The above proposal may be put up for sanction.

W. J. J. HOWLEY—12-9-18.

A draft order on the case is submitted. It may be sent to Public Works (General) Department and Financial for acceptance.

T.S.R.—18-9-18.

F.E.M.—18-9-18.

W.J.J.H.—18-9-18.

PUBLIC WORKS (GENERAL) DEPARTMENT.

The draft order may be accepted and the file passed on to Financial.

T.R.—21-9-18.

M.K.T.—24-9-18.

R.K.—24-9-18.

D. MARSHALL—27-9-18.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft may be accepted.

V.G.K.—28-9-18.

Financial need not object.

J. M. HOOPER—30-9-18.

L. DAVIDSON—1-10-18.

PUBLIC WORKS (IRRIGATION) DEPARTMENT.

Submitted that the draft order may now issue. The order will be printed as it will be required for reference in connexion with similar cases.

T.S.R.—1-10-18.

Issue.

F.E.M.—2-10-18.

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Read also.

C.4958/18-B. From the Supg.Engr.VI Circle No.970 C.E. d/9-8-1918.

Note by the Chief Engr.for Irrgn.

No.4958/18-B- d/ 18/9/18

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The recommendation of the Chief Engr. for Irrign. is approved.

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